

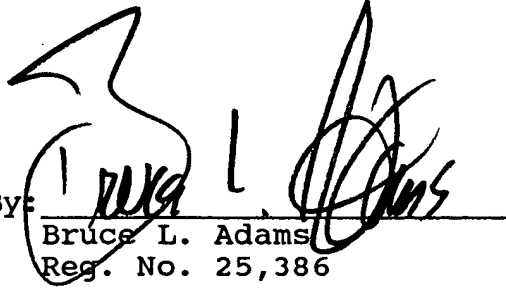
are directed. Original claims 4-5 have been amended in formal respects to improve the wording thereof. New claims 6-12 have been added to provide a fuller scope of coverage. Proposed drawing revisions have been submitted in Figs. 1-2. A new abstract which more clearly reflects the invention to which the claims are directed has been substituted for the original abstract.

Early and favorable action on the merits are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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